

OUR ARMY HOSPITALS

110th Station Hospital



The 110th Station Hospital, presently located in the 19th district of Vienna, Austria, has come a long way since its activation at Camp Pickett, Virginia, in 1942. Operating with a capacity of up to 800 beds during the war, it served in Scotland and England and landed at Le Havre, France, early in 1945.

After being assigned to occupation duty with the U.S. Forces in Austria in September 1945, it functioned under its original allotment of 250 beds which later was further reduced to 150 beds.

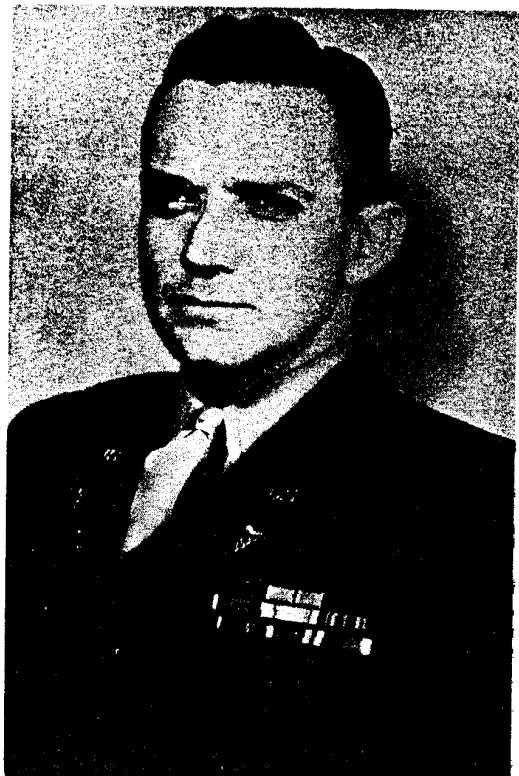
The site designated to house the 110th Station Hospital was the former "Kaufmaennische Spital" which was taken over as a hospital by the German Luftwaffe for the duration of the war. The general layout of the plant and its location amidst green parks on high ground overlooking the city of Vienna were ideal. However, damage suffered during the war was found to be considerable and an extensive program of restoration and construction was inaugurated.

Complete new electrical and plumbing systems were required, and it was necessary to replace 95 percent of all double windows. The hospital had been stripped of most of its furnishings and the West wing had been entirely bombed out. Messhalls for patients and indigenous personnel had to be newly constructed, and practically every section of the hospital was reconstructed to meet required high standards of medical care. The result of this now completed program is what many have acclaimed to be one of the finest U.S. Army hospitals in the European Command.

All wards, sections and administrative offices are located in the main building, with the patients' messhall separate but connected to the hospital by a newly constructed enclosed ramp. Billets and messes for the hospital personnel are housed in separate adjacent buildings. The



Aerial view of the 110th Station Hospital at Vienna



Lt.Col. C.W. Sargent, MC
Commanding Officer

hospital grounds include a large park, part of which, in addition to a small scale greenhouse, is used for growing vegetables which contribute to the improvement of the diet of patients and personnel.

The 110th Station Hospital is providing medical care for about 4,200 military personnel, 1,200 dependents and 800 War Department civilians. In addition, this unit is serving patients flown in from American delegations in eastern European countries as well as authorized members of allied nations. There were approximately 3,900 patients admitted during the past 12-month period, of which 2,400 were medical and 1,500 surgical admissions. In addition there were 53 deliveries, 26,000 outpatient treatments, and 15,000 sittings at the hospital dental clinic. The commanding officer of

this hospital has also been designated Surgeon, Vienna Area Command, and Surgeon, Vienna community.

Lt. Colonel Carlton W. Sargent has been in command of the hospital since July 1946. Major John S. Zelenik is Chief of Medical Service; Captain Kenneth E. Blundon, Chief of Surgical Service; Captain Dorothy R. Shrrier, Chief Nurse. Major Harry E. Ramsey, Chief of Dental Service and USFA Dental Surgeon, the only remaining original member of this unit since its activation, was returned to the Z.I. in May after 54 months of continuous overseas service. Lt. Colonel Fayette G. Hall recently arrived to replace Major Ramsey as Dental Surgeon USFA and Chief of Dental Service of this unit. The hospital staff consists of 34 officers and nurses, 12 War Department civilians and 86 enlisted personnel.

Due to its proximity to the famous Vienna Medical School this hospital has served as host to groups of from 16 to 20 medical officers attending six-week postgraduate courses at the Vienna University through arrangements made by the Chief Surgeon, European Command. Recreation facili-

ties include a swimming pool, tennis court, volleyball court, movies, library, a Red Cross Club complete with craftshops, music and ping-pong rooms and lounges. The medical detachment has its own club. A large ballroom and terrace are shared by officers and enlisted personnel for dances. Besides there is a post exchange branch with fountain service, tailor and barber shops and a beautiful new chapel. Special features enjoyed by American personnel in Vienna are excellent presentations of opera and concerts in this well-known musical center.

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